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Dear Dick,

It is indeed a pleasure to have most of our personnel changes and housing problems behind us and I am sure [] is relieved, as he was occupied nearly full time with the problems of a rather thankless task. We are thankful for the facilities and support which have made our housing problem a relatively simple one. I hope all goes equally well at Headquarters. I am sure you are busy making arrangements for Spring activities; we wish you much success. In spite of the number of our people who have visited Headquarters lately, we have received very little information in the way of informal news. We hope that Jack has recovered from his illness and has resumed his duties at Headquarters.

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In order to present information regarding the individual sections in a more usable form, I intend to cover items of a general nature in this letter, and to place my comments in attachments which may be withdrawn from the body of this letter-report.

This report should reflect more optimism than my last, for I do feel that we are in a much better position to do a good job than we were six weeks ago. I realize that the withdrawal of personnel which brought the unit to a low ebb operationally was in accordance with a plan. It is, however, good to leave that point and move to a position where we have confidence in our capability.

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We are looking forward to the visit by Rod Scott, [redacted] and the others in their party, and intend to make their visit a pleasant one. We are planning to use the vacant apartment in our BOQ area as a VIP billet as long as we have no family to occupy it. We are also looking toward the arrival of the supply assistance team as I feel they can do much to relieve our supply burden by streamlining our FAK stocks and I believe we could help ourselves by possibly eliminating some of the items on our SLOE. We spend as much time taking care of our supplies as we do with issues and replenishments.

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We are very well pleased with our new duplex units. They were accepted by [redacted] on his very first inspection and we moved in with no delay. From what I have seen and heard these units are of much higher quality than the Navy units which are of like design and nearly the same construction. We have not yet experienced complaints about the plumbing, heat, electrical fixtures, etc. which appear to be common in the Navy area. We still have a little book-keeping to do with [redacted] with regard to furnishings, however, this should be no problem. We have little day to day problems with [redacted] and in my opinion some are hardly worth discussion, however, to maintain good relations we talk them out fully and to his satisfaction in most cases. I am concerned over a new policy he has established regarding fraternization, and because the policy seems to be rather vague in his mind, I will wait until I have a copy of his published document before making a further report to you. All in all, we get along very well together.

This report, if it may be called that, serves no purpose other than to give my informal views on our current problems and to provide a rather sketchy activity report. If you have suggestions regarding format or contents, please let me know what you would prefer.

As I have not yet written the attachments which were mentioned earlier in this letter, I'd better close and go to work on them. Please give my best to the Headquarters Staff and pass to Jack my best wishes for a speedy return to good health. I hope you will have the opportunity to get away from Washington for a few days and pay us a visit. We would be most happy to see you.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

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